

Defence museum at Pokhran

2297. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pokhran town in Rajasthan will get a Defence museum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the museum is likely to be inaugurated and the details of money to be spent on the museum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Transfer of Foreign Military Hardware Technology to Private Sector

2298. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to encourage transfer of technology for production of military hardware from foreign countries to private sector in the country, while acquiring foreign equipments for use in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise, item-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard, indicating the amount of foreign exchange involved in the above mentioned transactions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) As per Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP)-2006, an Offset provision has been made applicable for all procurement proposals where the indicative cost is above Rs. 300 crores involving the outright purchase from foreign/Indian vendors and purchase from foreign vendor followed by Licensed production. Through this provision also the Government encourages transfer of technology to Indian Defence Industry.

According to DPP-2006, these Offset obligations shall be discharged directly by the direct purchase of, or executing export orders for, defence products and components manufactured or services provided by Indian Defence Industries, *i.e.* Defence Public Sector Undertakings, the Ordnance Factory Board and any private defence industry manufacturing these products or components under an industrial licence granted for such manufacture. These Offset obligations may also be discharged by direct foreign investment in Indian defence industries, and in Indian organizations engaged in research in defence R&D.

Air tonnage ration sorties in Arunachal Pradesh

2299. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total projected requirement of air tonnage, both in fixed wing and rotary wing, annually, in respect of Arunachal Pradesh for the year 2006-2007;
- (b) total tonnage allotted by Government till date;
- (c) whether Government have received any request from the State Government for allocation of additional air tonnage for carrying out ration sorties by Indian Air Force Helicopters/Aircrafts in this remote border State; and
- (d) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh projected a total requirement of air tonnage of 1500 Metric Tonnes (MT) for Fixed Wing and 2600 MT for Rotary Wing for the financial year 2006-2007.

(b) Total tonnage allotted is 1400 MT for Fixed Wing and 600 MT for Rotary Wing for 2006-2007.

(c) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh had made a request for allotment of additional air tonnage of 1100 MT for Rotary Wing.

(d) The request of Government of Arunachal Pradesh was examined and it was found that allocation of additional tonnage for Rotary Wing was not feasible due to limited airlift capacity available with the Indian Air Force.